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VIRGINIA'S WHEAT FORECAST UNCHANGED FROM MAY

Virginia's winter wheat crop for 2011 is expected to total 17,160,000 bushels, unchanged from the May forecast according to the USDA/NASS Virginia Field Office. If realized, producers will more than double the previous year production of 8,160,000 bushels. Producers in the Commonwealth are expected to harvest 260,000 acres of wheat that will yield an average of 66 bushels per acre. As of early June, the majority of the wheat crop was in good to excellent condition.

U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM 2010

U.S. Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.45 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast but 2 percent below 2010. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 45.3 bushels per acre, up 0.8 bushel from last month but 1.5 bushels less than last year. Expected area for harvest as grain or seed totals 32.0 million acres, unchanged from May 1.

Winter Wheat for Virginia

Years	Planted		Harvested		Yield		Production	
	(1,000 Acres)		(1,000 Acres)		(bushels/Acre)		(1,000 bushels)	
2007	230		205		64.0		13,120	
2008	310		280		71.0		19,880	
2009	250		210		58.0		12,180	
2010	180		160		51.0		8,160	
2011	290		260		66.0		17,160	
Record High 1/	1937	668	1937	648	2008	71.0	2008	19,880
Record Low 1/	1966	163	1978	133	1932	10.8	1963	3,690

1/ 1930 to 2011 time frame.

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